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1. GLOBE & MAIL APRIL 18 REPORTS INDUSTRY, TRADE & COMMERCE (ITC) MINISTER GILLESPIE STATEMENT, IN RESPONSE QUESTION FROM BROADBENT (NDP ONTARIO): " IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES AGREED TO, AS I HAVE ALREADY INDICATED ON PAST OCCASIONS, THEY WILL ONLY BE AGREED TO IF THERE IS A MECHANISM TO PROTECT EXISTING AND FUTURE CANADIAN JOBS..."

2. TO REQUEST FROM PC OPPOSITION LEADER STANFIELD TO REFER AUTO PACT TO HOUSE OF COMMONS COMMITTEE (REFTEL), GILLESPIE SAID PROGRESS MORE LIKELY IF DISCUSSIONS DO NOT TAKE PLACE IN PUBLIC BUT GILLESPIE CONCEDED AUTO PACT COULD BE DISCUSSED WHEN ITC BUDGET IS BEFORE COMMONS COMMITTEE.

3. GLOBE & MAIL ALSO REPORTS STATEMENT BY LEONARD WOODOCK, UAW PRESIDENT, THAT REPORTED US SENATE COMMITTEE THREATS (OTTAWA 941) TO DISSOLVE AUTO PACT ARE " ABSOLUTE NONSENSE." GLOBE & MAIL QUOTES WOODCOCK
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AS SAYING " THIS WAS A VERY SENSIBLE SOLUTION TO A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM BACK IN 1965, AND IT CONTINUES TO BE A SENSIBLE SOLUTION. I PUT THIS ALMOST ON A PAR WITH THREATENING TO BOMB HANOI AGAIN. IT'S THE OLD BULLY BOY TACTIC AND REALLY MAKES NO SENSE AT ALL." WOODCOCK ALSO SAID AUTO PACT WAS UNDER REVIEW AND ANY REVISION REQUIRED SHOULD BE " SENSIBLE, FAIR AND EQUITABLE TO BOTH COUNTRIES."

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